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Summary: What if the Strawhats encounter someone who knew years into their future just before their separation? what would they gain that they lost in the future? Or loose what they gained? Not really good at summaries... :'(

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Hi! first attempt...please tell me what you think!

Hi!

The name's Testarossa... pretty much a mouthful, right? Thats why most people call me Tessa. 17 years old, black hair, brown eyes, skinny, not someone you would remember if you pass by me somewhere. I don't really like the constraints placed on a girl like me by society, so people who know me well know that I am crazy... I've climbed four meter tall walls without any precautions in the rain, used an ant's nest as a stool to get a head start on a tree, caught a snake to keep as a house pet (my crazy luck that it was only a grass snake) and a thousand other deeds that most people avoid.

So when I ran into One Piece, a story line of a guy who may just be as crazy as me... I was hooked. And I found out to my surprise, he was the crazier one.

So I followed him and his crew all the way to Dressrosa, and absolutly loved it.

So I started up my computer, and navigated my way through the internet to find out if Monkey D Luffy would find Zou, the walking elephant they were after...

Wait. That was where everything went wrong... or was that right?

So I was _supposed_ to be in bed, comfortable, ready to get psyched up about what ever happened in the One Piece universe. The episode

was in front of me, the headphones were on my head...

I was in bed... just that the bed was not in my room, and definitely not in my house. I stuffed my headphones and my laptop in my bag, which was still lying on bed after I dumped it after collage that afternoon, and trudged out of the unfamiliar old-fashioned door...

"500 MILLION BERI!" a voice shouted, which reverberated through the entire setting. I clutched the bag tightly when I realized which currency was being used in this place...

I was in trouble.

I was in the middle of a bunch of slave traders in Sabaody Archipelago. How was that even possible?

Camei...the mermaid. Auction. The Strawhats. The Heart pirates. The Kid pirates. Tenryuubito...

I had to get back home. For that I needed to stick with someone that I knew. Considering I knew most of the pirates and disturbing amounts of information about their abilities, I didn't know what to do...

I dashed out of the first exit and ended up with all the slaves...and I couldn't see any other exit other than the one to the stage. Not an option. I glanced around frantically, and got caught face to face with a grey haired old man who couldn't possibly be strong enough to be a slave- no, no... the Dark King, Rayleigh.

My heart fluttered. It had been quiet some time before I had felt the feeling of uncertainty about him. For starters, I had no clue if the storyline was going the way I predicted it would... I had no idea if the characters had the same personalities, and a thousand other similar details... but if this indeed was the same man who was the right hand man of Ace's father, there was no point of me running away.

Or was this some elaborate prank from Lisanna? My friend who was also nuts about One Piece.. I had been caught in her pranks before and I had not liked it _at all._ The acting was so realistic, the scene was so real... I actually believed Law had cut her fore arm off for a whole 5 minutes before I realized that the staff were laughing their ass off...

My mouth was half open as I still debated what to do... should I lie? 'Rayligh' hadn't even asked a question yet. Even if this was a prank it would require too much budget, and I didn't think even Lisanna would up her game so much.

"don't worry, child. I won't be pressing you to any answers. But by you attire, I can't say where you are from."

I stood there, stunned & silent. I think he took the hint from my expression.

" if you want to get out of here, use the door to the corner." he pointed at a well concealed door leading to the backyard of the auction house. "but I wouldn't advise that. If the rumours about Strawhat Luffy are true, then he is going to make a ruckus if that

mermaid gets sold. This place will be crawling with marines and who knows what they'll do."

I knew Camie was getting sold, I knew Luffy was going to wreck havoc to this place, I knew that this was also the last day before the Strawhats got separated for two very long years. I could change that, if I stuck with them... but that would hinder the huge progress they made in those two years... and I didn't want that. _If this was not Lisanna's idea of a joke..._

More I thought of my surroundings, more unbelievable it became that this could be Lisanna's joke. How could she possibly make bubbles develop on the ground? And the bulls that pulled those vehicles... where could she get those? If it was not... I needed backup plans.

But was sticking with pirates a good idea? I couldn't just stay at this clump of trees if I wanted to get home... and these guys were always meeting people with new possibilities.

The option of sticking with the Strawhats was long gone... they were, by and large, the best group to stick with. Since I knew what happened in Dressrosa, I knew that Trafalgar Law could be a nice guy when needed, but I wouldn't be able to sleep at night if I am haunted by a guy who could actually sell you in pieces... I hardly knew anything about the Kid pirates, but at that time Eustass 'Captain' Kid had a higher bounty than Luffy because they had more deaths on their side...

"Thanks for the advise, Rayleigh-san." I only realised what I said after it was already out... I couldn't believe how stupid I was...

"I hope you intend to keep that secret." his eyes had gone sharp, and his tone was now a bit dominating... _was he really an actor?_

"Sorry. I never intended to reveal anything to anyone. I promise." I was not lying, and I hoped he could see it. _I would be in trouble if he was the real deal._

I stepped towards the door and he didn't stop me. Taking that as encouragement, I left by the door he mentioned and into the greenery. I whipped my mobile out, checking my signal... as expected, I couldn't find any bars at all...

No signal, no internet, no cloths to change into, no food to eat, no money to buy anything... I had no idea what to do...

Soon I could hear all hell breaking loose in the auction-house. Two minutes in, I saw the marines gathering around, and shouting for the 'criminals' to release the 'hostages'. I sneaked away silently when all eyes were on the doors. I didn't want to get in the way of Luffy's limbs, Law's 'room', or Kid's weapons. But from my vantage I still had quiet a view of what was going to happen... come on, who didn't want to see their favourite anime happening in front of their eyes?

The faint voice of the captains arguing reached me just like it reached all the other sweat-dropping marines...

"Like I said, I won't let you guys hog all the fun!"

"Shut up..."

"No! I'll be doing it!"

"Stop shouting already..."

"really?"

"Shut up! Just keep quiet both of you!"

"So noisy..."

"What did you say?!"

"Don't try to order me around."

"You just don't get it, do you?"

"The one who isn't getting it is you!"

"Okay!" Luffy's voice rang out, followed by his knuckles cracking.
"Stand back, I got this."

I caught the soldiers muttering about the pirates... I knew what they were talking about, anyway. And I knew that I hated the outcome of this fight.

I remembered Luffy's face as he watched his friends disappeared...I remembered their fear and pain as they disappeared...

The canon's loud boom made me scoot out of the bushes before it had the chance to be deflected to me. I was a die hard fan of the Strawhats, and right now, I didn't care that the two year gap was essential to their growth. I took the detour to the three captains, who were kindly showing off the abilities that I had never even dreamed of being able to witness. Luffy's limbs actually were stretching, Law's faint spherical rooms were visible, he did cut a marine who remained alive as his head bounced from Law's hand like a ball, Kid was really attracting metals to him and repelling them..._Lisanna could never stage this._

I made it in time for the rest of the pirates to come out. Soon enough, the Kid and Heart pirates should be facing a pacifista together, and a bit later the Strawhats would run into one. I had a few minutes to explain...

I rushed to the nearest Strawhat I could find, Cat Burglar Nami.

"you guys need to get out of here!" I panted, as Nami noticed me for the first time...

"who-"

"you don't have any time at all! You can meet in three days time or stick together, but just go! The pacifista after you will separate you guys for 2 years!" I shouted at her, breathlessly. I knew it was

a bad idea to shout at Nami but there was no time for manners.

"Zoro! Sanji! Robin! Chopper! Franky! Usopp! Luffy!" I shouted, trying to gain their attention. "no matter how hard you fight, you can't win this one!" now I was starting to get their attention... I pointed at one of the marine ships which I knew was empty.

"Borrow that and get going to Impel Down prison!" of course, all eyes were instantly on me.

"Do you think our captain would just give himself up?!" Zoro shouted at me, and for a moment I was scared...

"I never said he had to. Fire-fist Ace is going to be executed in a few day's time and he is right now at Impel Down!" I revealed urgently. I turned to the face whose eyes were covered by the characteristic straw hat. "Luffy, your brother will die if you don't act fast!"

"Ace!" Luffy suddenly shouted, pouncing on me. I was thrown to the ground with him on me, and I saw his eyes search mine.

"Yes, Ace. I don't actually want to come with you..." I cringed at the memory of that war at Marine Ford, and I was yet again reminded of Ace's last words-

I shook the thought away. "...but if you let me tag along, I am pretty sure I can turn the tides of the up coming war." I smirked at him. _I may be able to keep Ace alive! _

"Sure, join our crew!" Luffy's trademark carefree behaviour was back, supported by that huge smile. He got off, offering me a hand. So far, so good...

But one look at the other Strawhats, and I realized that none of them were as easy as Luffy to deal with...

So, I don't think this was really good...

If you did sit through all that, tell me how to make this better! I'll surely make the differences next time!

See you!

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